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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:PROPOSED DAO STAFFING - SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 2578

1. DIA HAS APPROVED YOUR REQUEST TO ASSIGN COL. ANGUS R. MUNDY, USA, AS DATT/ARMA TO SARG. HE WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE ON STATION BY MID-FEBRUARY '75.
2. DIA HAS ALSO PROPOSED ASSIGNMENT OF ARMY WARRANT OFFICER WILLIAM H. ADAMS TO SERVE AS OPERATIONS COORDINATOR. HE WOULD PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE AND OTHER SUPPORT. WO ADAMS ASSIGNMENT WOULD OBVIATE NEED FOR ASSIGNMENT OF NON-COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL; THUS DAMASCUS DAO WOULD BE HELD TO TWO POSITIONS (DATT AND WARRANT OFFICER) IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR WISHES IN WHICH DEPARTMENT CONCURS.
3. DUE TO VARIETY OF DUTIES AND SENSITIVITY OF THE ENVIRONMENT, DIA WISHES HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT ISSUED FOR WO ADAMS. FOR PASSPORT OFFICE TO ISSUE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT, CONFIDENTIAL

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ADAMS WOULD HAVE TO BE ASSIGNED AS ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE

BUT YOU WOULD NOT NECESSARILY HAVE TO SEEK ACCREDITATION FOR HIM AS SUCH. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHETHER YOU FEEL DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT IS ESSENTIAL IN THIS CASE.

4. IN VIEW OF THE PENDING POLITICAL/MILITARY UNCERTAINTIES IN THE ME, DIA WOULD LIKE TO ASSIGN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AN

OFFICER TDY TO DAMASCUS TO SERVE AS AN INTERIM DATT PENDING ARRIVAL OF COL. MUNDY. CANDIDATE SELECTED FOR THIS TEMPORARY POSITION IS COL. LEONARD W. WEGNER, JR., USA, AN ARABIST, CURRENTLY SERVING AS ARMA TO DAO BEIRUT. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THIS, SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE AND/OR COMMENTS BY STADIS TELEGRAM RELATIVE TO ASSIGNMENT OF COL. MUNDY AND WO ADAMS, ISSUANCE OF DIP PASSPORT FOR WO ADAMS, AND EARLY TDY ASSIGNMENT OF COL. WEGNER AS INTERIM DATT TO DAMASCUS. INGERSOLL

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